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Request for Competent Authority Assistance by Wang Laboratories, Inc. 600 Technology Park Drive, Billerica, Massachusetts 01821-4130, Taxpayer ID # 04-2192707

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Pursuant to Rev. Proc. 96-13, 1996-3 I.R.B. 31 and Article 27 of the U.S.-Korea Income Tax Treaty (the "Treaty"), Wang Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware Corporation ("Wang" or the "Company"), hereby requests United States competent authority assistance. Although the tax matters for which assistance is requested relate to years as far back as 1992, Wang has been unable to effectively deal with these issues until recently, as the Company had been the subject of a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

Wang is the owner of United States patents relating to certain computer parts and processes (the "Licensed Products"). The patents are only enforceable in the United States. Wang executed patent license agreements (the "Agreements") with the following Korean corporations, which are unrelated to the Company:

#### Company

Date Executed

April 9, 1992

LG Semicon Co., Ltd. (Formerly Goldstar Electron Co., Ltd.) 50 Hyang Jeong-Dong Cheong Ju, Korea 360-480

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Company

Date Executed

Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., Ltd. 66 Chuckseon-Dong, Chongro-Ku Seoul, Korea June 21, 1993

Company

Date Executed

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. 10th Fl., Samsung Main Bldg. 250, 2-Ka, Taepyung-Ro, Chung-ku Seoul, Korea February 17, 1992

The Agreements provide that the licensee will pay a royalty to Wang based on the licensee's direct and indirect manufacture, use, sale, or other transfer of the Licensed Products in the United States. In addition, one of the Agreements provided for a lump sum royalty payment based on past infringement of the patents by the licensee. Copies of the Agreements and summaries of each are attached hereto.

It is clear that the payments to Wang under the Agreements for the rights to use the Licensed Products as well as the payments for past infringement of the patents constitute "royalties" as defined under Article 14 of the Treaty. See, e.g., Rev. Rul. 64-206, 1964-2 C.B. 591. Article 6 of the Treaty states:

(3) Royalties described in paragraph (4) of Article 14 (Royalties) for the use of, or the right to use, property (other than as provided in paragraph (5) with respect to ships or aircraft) described in such paragraph shall be treated as income from sources within one of the Contracting States only if paid for the use of, or the right to use, such property within that Contracting State (emphasis added).

Under this provision, the royalty payments made by the Korean corporations to Wang under the patent license agreements are United States source income to the Company and, therefore, not subject to Korean tax under Article 4 of the Treaty. Notwithstanding the clear and unambiguous provisions of the Treaty, the Korean corporations withheld tax on the royalty payments and paid

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such withheld amounts to the Government of Korea. The amounts withheld are shown in "Appendix Korea," which follows.

Wang seeks a refund of the Korean taxes wrongfully imposed on the payments under the Agreements as well as interest, and an acknowledgment from the appropriate Korean authority that no Korean withholding tax is required to be imposed on future payments. The acknowledgment should be provided to the Korean corporations identified in this request and act to relieve these corporations from any liability for failing to withhold Korean taxes from payments made to Wang under the Agreements.

As section 482 of the Internal Revenue Code is not involved, Wang does not wish to avail itself of the relief provided under Rev. Proc. 65-17, 1965-1 C.B. 833, as amplified and amended. The request for competent authority assistance does not involve issues that are currently, or were previously, considered as part of an APA proceeding in the United States or in a similar proceeding in Korea. Wang is not requesting the Simultaneous Appeals procedure as provided in section 8 of Revenue Procedure 96-13.

Under applicable Korean tax law, the statute of limitations for recovery of the withholding tax is 5 years from the date when such tax was imposed; therefore, the period of limitations for the years at issue has not yet expired. According to the Treasury Department Technical Explanation of the Treaty, the issuance of a refund is permitted pursuant to Article 27 notwithstanding procedural barriers otherwise existing under a Contracting State's law, such as the statute of limitations.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. The Company shall, on request, submit any other information or documentation deemed necessary for purposes of reaching an agreement

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During the relevant period, Wang was not required to, nor did it file, income tax returns with the Government of Korea.

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with the Korean competent authority. Please submit such request to:

Robert D. Simon Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20006-5805 (202) 662-2700

or

Avery I. Stok Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. 425 Lexington Avenue New York, N.Y. 10017 (212) 850-2820

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Smi

Robert D. Simon

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this request, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts presented in support of the request for competent authority assistance are true, correct and complete.

Richard L. Buckingham

Vice-President and Treasurer

Wang Laboratories, Inc.

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#### Appendix Korea

		1		Amount Withheld in Korean Won	
			Amount	At Exchange Rate	
		Date of	Withheld	at Date of	At Current
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1992		5/27/92	\$ 201,563	153,994,132	163,870,719
		9/28/92	\$ 132,513	102,167,523	107,733,069
	Samsung Electronics	3/1/92	\$ 171,578	129,198,234	139,492,914
		6/25/92	\$ 410,210	315,451,490	333,500,730
		8/2/92	\$ 196,254	139,732,848	159,554,502
1993	LG Semicon Co., Ltd	3/2/93	\$ 212,006	164,834,665	172,360,878
	Samsung Electronics	8/31/93	\$ 105,446	81,298,866	85,727,598
	Hyundai Electronics	8/25/93	\$ 129,000	101,781,000	104,877,000
1994	Samsung Electronics	3/1/94	\$ 24,224	19,161,184	19,694,112
1004		8/30/94	\$ 15,791	12,459,099	12,838,083
1995	Samsung Electronics	3/3/95	\$ 15,771	12,127,899	12,821,823
		8/29/95	\$ 61,518	48,291,630	50,014,134
	Hyundai Electronics	3/8/95	\$ 643	494,467	522,759
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	Totals:		\$ 1,676,517	1,280,993,037	1,363,008,321

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